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October 27, 1996

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Mr. Barry Harrelson  
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Center for the Study of Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 02505

Re: Status of Assassination Records Review Board Requests to CIA for  
Additional Information and Records

Dear Barry:

I am writing to follow-up on our letter of October 7, 1996, regarding the status of Assassination Records Review Board requests for information and records from the CIA.

Formal Requests:

CIA-1

Review Board staff review continues. No CIA action needed at this time.

CIA-6 (Cables and dispatches)

CIA has agreed to make records available (or to have a response ) by November 1, 1996.

CIA-7 (Histories)

Counterintelligence. CIA has made material available and Review Board staff examination is ongoing.

Mexico City. The Review Board awaits CIA's compilation of the portion of the Mexico Station history that was shown to G. Robert Blakey.

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Other Histories. No response has been received to our agreement that CIA identify within two weeks the histories that can be made available and those that should be subject to further discussions.

**CIA-8 (Intelligence community staff)**

CIA had promised to provide a report to the Review Board within two weeks. Nothing has been made available.

**CIA-9 (Publications and analytical materials)**

We have received no materials responsive to this request. Additionally, no response has been received from CIA regarding the list of publications that are identified in an LBJ Library finding aid that the Review Board staff provided.

**CIA-10 (Interagency source register)**

CIA has not yet made available the records that it had agreed to provide within two weeks. *(was Oswald on)*

**CIA-11 (Duran's original statement)**

CIA has agreed to make some further attempts to locate Duran's original statement.

**CIA-12 (JMWAVE materials)**

CIA has agreed to make materials available on a rolling basis.

**Informal requests:**

Spas Rankin. CIA has made the Spas Rankin file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff will discuss issues with CIA. *files from collection pulled / waiting*

*ARRIS staff review*  
IN 23738. CIA is searching for cable number IN 23738 (7 July 1962). *- copy sent*

Marilyn Murrett. CIA has made the Marilyn Murrett file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff

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will discuss issues with CIA.

HTLINGUAL. It is the Review Board staff's understanding that CIA continues its search for HTLINGUAL records and will provide an oral briefing on the subject. It is also our understanding that some HTLINGUAL records have been located, but that they have not yet been made available to the Review Board.

Recent and additional informal requests that we have discussed with you:

Operational Reports for Cuban Exile Groups. The Review Board staff has been unable to locate in the collection monthly operational reports for the DRE, CRC, or MRR for the period between March 1963 and March 1964. Please advise us whether these records exist and when we may review them.

Moscow. CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding Mosco as discussed with Michelle Combs on October 24, 1996.

Tape. CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding a tape as discussed with Irene Marr on October 24, 1996.

Please let me know of any inaccuracies in this letter or any suggestions that you have. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,



T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel and Associate Director for Research

IR-03

8-27-96

Notes on ARRB Requests CIA-15 (fr Gunn)

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Per Bob Coudle (?), OGC, search is under way to locate OGC file on HTLINGUAL (Irene Johnson has action) -- will contact me when located; agreed that briefing for Gunn was appropriate once we had details of disposition of material.

Gunn - will be over Thr. a.m. to review responses to old requests and discuss HTLINGUAL and other new requests

Meeting w/ Gunn - 8/29/96

\* will not submit CIA-15 as formal request pending briefing on HTLINGUAL & OGC files

## CIA-15 (HTLINGUAL)

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Sincerely,

Gunn interests

\* briefing on project -

\* intercepted it was only / or cover for operation

\* International Rescue Comm. H&E

**INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES****SENATE RESOLUTION 21****HEARINGS****BEFORE THE****SELECT COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH  
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THIAS, Jr., Maryland  
KER, Pennsylvania

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## MEMORANDUM

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To: Barry Harrelson

From: T. Jeremy Gunn

Subject: Requests to CIA for Records-Related Information- UPDATE

Date: January 9, 1997

(703) 613-3111

The following is a list of our current requests for information. These should be considered informal requests for which we await your response. If you have any additional questions or responses, you should call either Bob Skwirot or the analysts identified below. We are willing to formalize any of the requests into our numbered series if you would so prefer.

	Request	Response	Comments
partial response 10/96	9/6/96	Spas Raikin files. Are all files in collection? If CIA has any additional files (e.g., personnel, 201, etc.), we would like to request them.	Combs
pending	9/6/96	Spas Raikin file in Box 15 folder 34. Who is the person signing the DCD messages? Did Raikin work for CIA? Did he work for DCD/OO? What is relationship between documents in file and Raikin?	Combs
pending	9/6/96	Location of cable identified in JFK 1993.07.20.10.18.29:650630 (Box 34, F 22) p. 2. Cable number (IN 24738) 7 July 62. We can send fax if helpful.	Legaspi
partial response 10/96	9/6/96	Marilyn D. Murmet files. Are all files in collection? If CIA has any additional files (e.g., personnel, 201, etc.), we would like to request them.	Combs
pending	9/96	Information on HTLINGUAL	Combs
complete 10/96	9/96	Information on Angleton's filing system at CI	Combs
pending	10/17/96	Location of DRE, CRC, MRR(?) monthly operational reports	Legaspi
pending	10/24/96	Tapes	Marr
pending	10/24/96	Moscow	Combs
pending	11/06/96	Tapes of Alvarado Interrogation	Marr
pending	12/10/96	New Orleans, Hunter Leake, Clay Shaw, QKENCHANT, and ZRCLIFF	Legaspi
pending	12/10/96	Claude Barnes Capehart	Skwirot
pending	01/07/97	Howard Guebler	Gunn

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December 18, 1997

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Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 02505

**CIA SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
**RELEASE IN FULL**  
**2000**

Re: Status of CIA Responses to Assassination Records Review Board's Requests for Additional Information and Records

Dear John:

I am writing to follow-up on our telephone call earlier today and to convey my serious concern about the status of CIA's responses to the Review Board's requests for additional information and records. Although CIA has completed its responses to several requests, and many others have been answered in part, a significant number of requests have not been answered — including some that were made more than two years ago. On many occasions we have been assured that responses would be forthcoming, only to have promised dates come and go without answers. It is now extremely important that these requests be answered promptly so that we may conduct a proper follow-up if necessary. The issues that we can now identify as being of the highest priority are identified in the text below by double asterisks (\*\*)<sup>1</sup> and we request that they be answered within the next month. We request that the remaining requests be answered by April 1, 1998.

The remainder of this letter is divided into two parts: first, a listing of the formal requests for information and records, and second, a listing of the informal requests for information and records. Please let me know if your understanding of any of the following points differs from ours so that we can resolve any potential discrepancies.

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<sup>1</sup>As identified more fully below, the issues are: CIA-1 Organizational Material, CIA-6 Cables and Dispatches, CIA-13 Backchannel Communications, CIA-IR-03 HTLINGUAL Documents, CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton Files, CIA-IR-07 Claude Barnes Capehart, CIA-IR-15 Electronic "take" from Mexico City, CIA-IR-21 DRE Monthly Operational Reports, CIA-IR-22 "A" Files on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison.

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### ***Informal Requests***

Each of the following informal requests was previously made to CIA. For future reference, they will be referred to by the "Informal Request" (IR) number provided below.

**CIA-IR-01 Personnel Assigned to Post from 1959-64 (see RIF 104-10065-10199).**

This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-02 Location of Cable Identified in JFK 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630.**

This request is complete.

**\*\*CIA-IR-03 Full Computer Search for List of Documents in HTLINGUAL File.**

CIA agreed to undertake a computer run for all HTLINGUAL documents in April 1997. To date, no response has been received by ARRB. All computer searches for these documents should be documented in a formal letter for the record.

**\*\*CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton's Files.**

The Review Board seeks to ensure that it has taken all reasonable steps to account for any files that James Jesus Angleton possessed or controlled that related to the assassination and to Lee Harvey Oswald. Because of the perceived controversy surrounding the disposition of Angleton's files, the Review Board believes it prudent to obtain a clear understanding of the types of files that he maintained and their ultimate disposition. (The Review Board does not seek to explore any subjects in Angleton's files beyond those that may have pertained to the assassination.) To date, CIA has made available certain documents provided by the CIC and the case files for *Mangold v. CIA*. The Review Board requests any additional information in the possession of CIA that would explain the disposition of Angleton's files.

In addition, the ARRB staff's review of the *Mangold v. CIA* files designated additional documents from those files as assassination records. These documents are: Tab D, documents Nos. 95, 109-116, 120, and 121; and from the Denied

Working Note - HRG Internal Use Only

HTLINGUAL

Michelle,

Attached is a partial DO response to the HTLINGUAL (CIA IR 3) request. The DO continues to search files that have HTLINGUAL references and for information on destruction of DO HTLINGUAL records. The destruction of HTLINGUAL Files is also addressed by the Office of Security in Request CIA #16.

Barry

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20 January 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: (U) Chief, JFK Declassification  
Project/HRP/OIM/DA

FROM: (U) Fredrick C. Wickham, Jr.  
Chief, External Support Group/IMS/DO  
Central Intelligence Agency

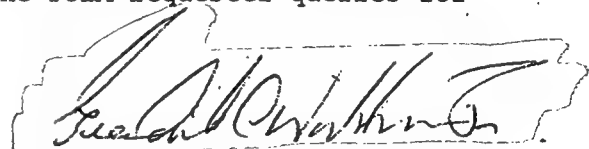
SUBJECT: (U) DO Response to Informal Request CIA IR #03

REFERENCE: (U) ARRB's Memorandum dated 18 December 1997,  
RE: Status of CIA Responses to  
Assassination Records Review Board's  
Requests for Additional Information and  
Records

(U) This memorandum is submitted in response to informal request number 03 (CIA IR #03) from the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB).

\*\*CIA-IR-03 Full Computer Search for List of Documents in HTLINGUAL File

(C) First, as an outcome of the Pike and Church Committees, all HTLINGUAL files were destroyed. Copies that may have been made and put into individual's files surface as the files are reviewed. The DO ran a search on the term "HTLINGUAL." Some records were identified as destroyed. Some were not so marked but are not locatable under the job number identified; however, given that there is no requirement to record destroyed records under the federal statutes for disposition programs and given limited resources for noting files destroyed, this is not uncommon. The HTLINGUAL search further identified files because of Freedom of Information Act queries; however, these were not HTLINGUAL files per se, but files which contained the FOIA requester queries for HTLINGUAL information.



Fredrick C. Wickham, Jr.

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DRV From: COL 19-87

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

On 8 April 1994, the complete set of SRPOINTER and HTLINGUAL security support files and indexes held by the Office of Security were destroyed in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the approved Records Control Schedules 31-76 and 31-83 and by the Office of General Counsel.

see CIA-16 "

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*See - folder in grey box*



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Sincerely,

Gunn interests

\* briefing on project -

\* intercepted messages / or cover for operation

\* International Rescue Committee

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# Facsimile Cover Sheet

**To:** Barry Harrelson  
**Company:** HRG  
**Phone:** 30292  
**Fax:** 703-243-8343

**From:** Linda C. Cipriani  
**Company:** OGC/LD  
**Phone:** 76124  
**Fax:** 703-874-3124

**Date:** 09/05/96  
**Pages including this  
cover page:** 7

**Comments:** All OGC has is the following destruction authorization. I am told that if you need the actual destruction record, you will need to go to the DO.

Linda

General Counsel

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SUBMIT ORIGINAL AND 4 COPIES TO IRMD

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN OR DESTROY QUESTIONABLE RECORDS		1. DESTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION NO. (Assigned by IRMD/OIS)	
TO : Chief, Information Resources Management Division, OIS		FROM: (OFFICE DESIGNATION OF ORIGINATOR)	
THRU: Component Records Management Officer Directorate Records Management Officer Information Management Branch, IRMD/OIS Office of General Counsel		DDO/TMS/MPG/TRMB	
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THE RECORDS IDENTIFIED BELOW ARE SCHEDULED FOR IMMEDIATE DESTRUCTION; HOWEVER, THEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO ACTUAL OR IMPENDING LEGAL OR INVESTIGATIVE REQUIREMENTS. AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED EITHER TO RETAIN THE RECORDS OR TO DESTROY THEM AS SCHEDULED. THE RECORDS ARE BEING HELD PENDING RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZATION. IF FURTHER RETENTION IS REQUIRED, REVISED DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE PROVIDED TO INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIVISION.			
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<p align="center"><b>PROJECT HTLINGUAL</b></p> <p>Project HTLINGUAL was responsible for copying letters intercepted in the U.S. Mail going to and from the USSR.</p> <p>The HTLINGUAL Project was declared unlawful by the Rockefeller Commission and the Church Committee. In accordance with their findings and with the authorization of the Archivist of the United States and the Senate Committee on Intelligence, the HTLINGUAL records are to be destroyed as soon as permitted by law.</p> <p>Attached for reference (Attachment 2) is the authorization to destroy these records by the National Archivist (17 March 1978) with the concurrence of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (6 April 1978).</p>			
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HTLINGUAL INVENTORY

1. Single xerox copy of opened letter (approximately 215,820).  
348 Cu. Ft.
  2. Single microfilm copy of indexed postal covers (922 film cassettes).  
8.5 Cu. Ft.
  3. Single microfilm copy of indexed and unindexed postal covers - job number 77-833 (1,235 - 16mm reels; 108 - 35mm film cartridges; and 12 envelopes of film strips).  
13 Cu. Ft.
  4. Subject files maintained and used by the HTLINGUAL analysts on individuals and organizations (job number 80-417).  
25 Cu. Ft.
  5. HTLINGUAL index consisting of six (6) reels of magnetic tape and 37 - 16mm film cassettes.  
2 Cu. Ft.
  6. Administrative, background and reference files concerning the HTLINGUAL Project.  
1.5 Cu. Ft.
  7. Miscellaneous HTLINGUAL material - ten (10) packs undeveloped microfilm; five (5) - 16mm microfilm cassettes of Cuban, Mexican and Customs items; and one (1) reel of magnetic tape containing an index to HTLINGUAL memos).  
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- TOTAL: 398.5 Cu. Ft.

# REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

(See instructions on reverse)

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TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,  
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1. FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)

Central Intelligence Agency

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION

Operations Directorate

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER

George Frates

5. TEL. EXT.

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FORM NO.

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DATE RECEIVED

22 AUG 1977

## NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY

In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303, the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be stamped "Original not retained" or "superfluous" in column 10.

13-17-78

James B. P. [Signature]  
Archivist of the United States

## 6. CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records; that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of 1 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

☒ A Request for immediate disposal.

☐ B Request for disposal after a specified period of time or request for permanent retention.

C. DATE

Aug 77

D. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

Hazel K. Kearney

E. TITLE

Associate Records Management Officer

7. ITEM NO.

8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

(With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)

9. SAMPLE OR FOR NO.

10. ACTION TAKEN

The file contains copies of 215,870 letters and photographs of 2,705,726 covers (envelopes) of unopened letters which were intercepted during mailing to and from addresses in the U.S.S.R. and related indexes. The addresses were intelligence targets during the period of 1954 to 1976. Many of the originators and recipients of the mail to and from the target addresses were United States citizens.

Not included in this request for disposal are those copies of letters and photographs of covers which are at the present time the objects of Freedom of Information Act requests and Privacy Act requests, or those that are involved in litigation. Similarly files which document the initiation, implementation, and termination of this mail intercept project (those that may have historical value) will be retained in the CIA and be maintained in accordance with its approved records control schedule. Additionally, no disposal will occur prior to the review and concurrence of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Continued maintenance of the files covered by this disposal request conflicts with the provisions of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a (e)(1) and (7) as well as Section 5 (b)(4) of Executive Order 11905.

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## Request for Records Disposition Authority - Continuation

JOB NO.

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ITEM NO.8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM  
(With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)9.  
SAMPLE OR  
JOB NO.10.  
ACTION TAKEN

Attached for your review and approval is a Standard Form 115 requesting authority from the Archivist of the United States for the immediate disposal of the Mail Intercept File.

FYI: A copy of the SF-115 will be sent to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

## APPROVALS:

*W. W. Wells*

William W. Wells  
Deputy Director for Operations

*8/7/77*

Date

*Mark L. Peterson*

Mark L. Peterson  
Chief, Information Systems Analysis Staff

*8/15/77*

Date

## CONCURRENCES:

*[Signature]*

Office of General Counsel

*May 23, 1977*

Date

*William F. Donnelly*

William F. Donnelly  
Chief, Information Services Staff, DDO

*May 24, 1977*

Date

*George L. Cary, Jr.*

\* George L. Cary, Jr.  
Legislative Counsel

*Aug 11, 1977*

Date

\* No Agency records are to be destroyed without the concurrence of the Senate Select Committee. This is a separate process from obtaining NARS approval. Submission of these forms to NARS is fully consistent with the Agency's obligation to the SSCI.

This page will not be made available to the National Archives and Records Service or the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Four copies, including original, to be submitted to the National Archives

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Administration  
FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

## APPRAISAL REPORT ON DISPOSITION OF RECORDS

DATE

September 9, 1977

FOR REFERENCE

NO1-263-77-18

## SECTION I - APPROVED FOR DISPOSAL

ITEM(S) FOR WHICH DISPOSAL AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED, IS (ARE) DISPOSABLE BECAUSE IT (THEY) DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF HISTORICAL OR OTHER RESEARCH, FUNCTIONAL DOCUMENTATION, OR THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, TO WARRANT PERMANENT RETENTION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ITEM 1.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CONCURRENCE

n/a

SEE COMMENTS ON ATTACHED LETTER.

## SECTION II - APPROVED FOR PERMANENT RETENTION

ITEM(S) THAT IS (ARE) APPROVED FOR PERMANENT RETENTION, FOR THE REASONS INDICATED IN SECTION VII THE AGENCY WILL OFFER THESE RECORDS TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE AS SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE.

## SECTION III - APPROVED FOR DISPOSAL AFTER CONVERSION TO MICROFORM

ITEM(S) FOR WHICH DISPOSAL AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED, IS (ARE) DISPOSABLE BECAUSE THE RETAINED MICROFORM IS AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ORIGINAL RECORDS. THE AGENCY CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN GPOH 101-11.504.

## SECTION IV - DISPOSAL NOT APPROVED

ITEM(S) THAT IS (ARE) NOT APPROVED FOR DISPOSAL AT THIS TIME. THE AGENCY WILL RESUBMIT THIS (THESE) ITEM(S) WHEN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE THE VALUE OF THESE RECORDS FOR AGENCY AND ARCHIVAL PURPOSES. IF NOT RESUBMITTED WITHIN SIX MONTHS NARS WILL CONTACT THE AGENCY.

## SECTION V - WITHDRAWN

ITEM(S) THAT HAS (HAVE) BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE AGENCY.

SIGNATURE OF APPRAISER



DATE

9/09/77

## SECTION VI - APPROVAL / CONCURRENCES

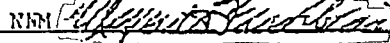
APPROVAL

DIRECTOR, RECORDS DISPOSITION DIVISION  
(Signed) THOMAS W. WADLOW

DATE

10/25/77

CONCURRENCES

NRN 

DATE

DATE

DATE

## SECTION VII - APPRAISER'S RECOMMENDATION

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 100, 94TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 6, 1978

78-5175  
 78-1535

IN REPLY PLEASE  
 REFER TO Q# 78-1535

Admiral Stansfield Turner  
 Director of Central Intelligence  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

This Committee has no objection to the implementation  
 of the records disposal list (job #NCL-263-77-18) approved  
 by the Archivist on March 17, 1978.

Sincerely,

*Birch Bayh*

Birch Bayh  
 Chairman

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(Name / Office / Extension)

SUBJECT: MFR, 6 Apr 90, Destruction of MHCHAOS and HTLINGUAL Project Files

TO: (ADDRESSEE / ORGANIZATION / OFFICE / EXTENSION)

1. Barry Harrelson OIM X31825

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6 April 1990

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Destruction of MHCHAOS and HTLINGUAL Project Files

REFS: A. OGC-90-50611 dated 19 Mar 90  
B. Memo from MPG/IRMB dated 18 Dec 89PARTICIPANTS: [redacted] C/MPG  
[redacted] DC/MPG  
[redacted] C/IRMB  
[redacted] IRMB/IMS/IMO  
Winston Miller, ASB  
John Vasko, IPB  
John Goins, ALB  
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Kathy Stricker, DO/IRO  
[redacted] DC/OSG  
Bruce Watson, C/CFB  
Eileen Scott, C/RRB  
Lou Dube, RRB

## ACTION:

OSG/RRB: a) Identify material for destruction  
b) Recall material from Records Center  
c) Review the material for destruction  
d) Initiate destruction action by keying one transaction per document

DO/IRO: Respond to Reference A, OGC Memo

MPG/IPB: a) Identify independent electronic files in TSG  
b) Perform SOFA search to identify MHCHAOS and HTLINGUAL files  
c) Initiate a SPIN search to identify any existing MHCHAOS or HTLINGUAL information AFTER the initial processing of material

C/MPG: Document meeting and identify action points

IMS/IMO: a) Initiate action to identify electronic holdings of MHCHAOS and HTLINGUAL information  
b) Identify and monitor disposition of MHCHAOS and HTLINGUAL digital information

MPG/PPB: Update procedures, notices, instructions, etc.

1. All information that established MHCHAOS and HTLINGUAL will be permanent retention. The material is stored in different places. It was agreed to run a SPIN search AFTER the material

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was destroyed at Records Center to ensure identification of all MHCHAOS and HTLINGUAL materials. After the SPIN search is done, any MHCHAOS and HTLINGUAL material will be turned over to RRB for follow up review.

2. According to the IMS/IMO, five platter diskpacks on MHCHAOS are stored in TSG, Room GB0704 OHB. C/MPG noted that we need to research electronic holdings of TSG, both HTLINGUAL and MHCHAOS.

Destruction

3. Upon review of material for destruction, DRD transactions will be entered in the system for each document. It was suggested that the transactions be done individually which would be less risky than a blanket deletion.

4. The XXY symbol for MHCHAOS was used for name trace purposes. According to the IMS/IMO, 79 cubic feet of 201 files are in this category. Official 201 files are also in the other two MHCHAOS jobs that have not been processed. Any XXY material should have blank File Content Lists. If RRB identifies 201 files that are XXY and all the documents are in ALLSTAR, RRB must reconstitute the file.

5. The database will be updated after the records are destroyed and XXY and XXZ should be deactivated. Procedures should be updated.

Order of Destruction

6. HTLINGUAL material can be started on immediately. HTLINGUAL Production files are 1 1/2 cubic feet which will be pulled first. The bulk of HTLINGUAL material - 348 cubic feet - can be destroyed immediately without review. The remaining 50' are in five or six categories and needs to be reviewed, e.g., single microfilm copies stored in conserva files.

7. IRMB will turn over the MHCHAOS file inventory to RRB. When material is ready to be searched, RRB will notify IPB who will search SOFA to identify files.

8. Pursuant to Reference A OGC memorandum, the DO/IRO should formally comply with OGC's request to determine if there are any outstanding FOIA or Privacy Act requests relating to MHCHAOS or HTLINGUAL that should not be destroyed.

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24 June 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William J. Allard  
Associate General Counsel

FROM: Louis J. Dube  
DO/Information Review Officer

SUBJECT: Destruction of MHCHAOS and HTLINGUAL Records

1. With regards to the MHCHAOS records, it is my understanding that a Protective Order was placed on all MHCHAOS files in June 1976 due to their involvement in the Halkin vs. Helms Litigation. You advised that Mark Lynch, the attorney representing plaintiff in the case had recently narrowed the class action definition to include only those individuals cited in the case as plaintiffs. It was your belief that the protective order could be amended to permit destruction of all other ~~all~~ files in the MHCHAOS record system. Please undertake whatever action is required as soon as possible so that the DO may destroy records under an amended protective order. *not all*

2. In further discussion, you advised that the DO could proceed with the destruction of its HTLINGUAL records. Attached please find five copies of Form 141, each pertaining to a separate phase of the HTLINGUAL file system. Please include your concurrence with the destruction of these files by signing in block 12 on all copies.

*Louis J. Dube*  
Louis J. Dube

Attachment: a/s

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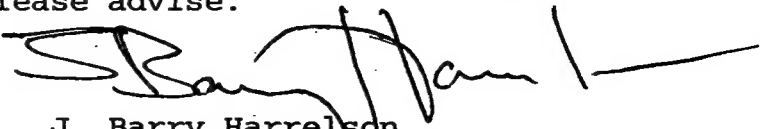
12 September 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Laura Denk  
Executive Director, ARRB

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson  
JFK Project Officer, HRP/OIM

SUBJECT: CIA-IR-3, Full Computer Search for List of  
Documents in HTLINGUAL File

1. This is in response to referent request.
2. Searches were made for information responsive to the request and materials were provided for examination by ARRB staff. From that examination, staff members selected a number of documents to be included within the JFK Collection. Those documents have now been included within the JFK Collection and are being processed for release to NARA.
3. This concludes the Agency's action on this request. If you have any question, please advise.

  
J. Barry Harrelson

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MEMORANDUM

September 19, 1998

To: Laura Denk  
Executive Director

cc: Bob Skwirot  
CIA Team Leader

From: Michelle Combs   
Associate Director for Research and Review

Subject: CIA-IR-03 HTLINGUAL Records

The Review Board's Informal Request for Additional Records and Information asked the CIA to locate any extant records from the HTLINGUAL mail cover and mail opening project. Most of the HTLINGUAL files held by the Directorate of Operations were destroyed in 1990 at the order of the CIA's Office of the General Counsel. A memorandum for the record found in volume seven of Lee Harvey Oswald's Office of Security file states that the Office of Security destroyed its SRPOINTER/HTLINGUAL files in April 1994 in accordance with guidelines set forth in the Record's control schedule and the Office of General Counsel.

The Review Board staff examined an index, provided by the CIA, to the remaining HTLINGUAL records and marked folders for closer review. The Review Board staff reviewed the HTLINGUAL project files for 1955-1990. These project files consist of monthly statistical reports and administrative records. The more recent documents in the files pertain to law suits, court orders, or destruction records. These files were not designated as assassination records. The extant HTLINGUAL records for Lee Harvey Oswald and several project "soft" or working files are included in the CIA sequestered collection and have been processed as a part of that collection for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the National Archives. Additional HTLINGUAL documents were located in the archived files of the Deputy Director for Plans. Any documents relevant to the assassination were designated assassination records and will be processed for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the National Archives.

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